doesn't.

Rita's new novel is to be entitled "The Silent Woman." Rita has a very evivid imagination.

Is the fact that the son of Millionaire Spreckles is working for a living worth telegraph tolls?

Now and then a self-made man proceeds to show that he can unmake himself with equal facility.

France is planning another world's fair for 1911. Now is the time to begin to save up money for it.

Italian mobs are also something on the conspuez order; but they are much worse. They shoot firecrackers.

England will establish balloon stations along the Mediterranean. balloon station is a hot air depot.

strength near Korea, Japan will crowd Pussia very hard for the blue ribbon. Some people drink clder just be-

gout, and others just because it is the great thinkers of the Victorian

ian age? A fire was discovered recently in the apartments of Queen Alexandra. Is the queen cooking with gasoline

age." Who are those of the Edward-

King Pete has been on his throne so long now without an accident that he camp can be found in Missouri. Kan- load as the more modern wagon. is beginning to think of himself as a sas. Arkansas, Illinois or the Indian record-breaker.

this season?

It is telegraphed that an alleged plot to rebel against the local govern- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ment has been discovered at Panama What-so soon?

Our idea of self-control is a man Meeting Held for the Purpose of who can walk past a gang of snowballing youngsters on the street without marring his dignity.

After all Prof. Langley may be trying to invent a new kind of submarine boat, merely using the word "aerodrome" as a subterfuge.

China is to reorganize its army and improve its equipment. Probably each soldier will be armed with a paper kite and a brass dinner bell.

When London has decided whether or not it eats too much it will find it equally profitable to ask itself if it doesn't drink a little too much.

Mark Twain ate his Thanksgiving dinner in Italy, and perhaps he wil tell us in the course of time how he likes macaroni as a substitute for tur-

The London Times states that in thirty-four-years "40,000 English chil dren have been sent to Canada"-er route to the United States, many of

It is asserted by one of the scientists that the sun is gradually losing its heat. That is always a pretty safe statement to make at this season of the year.

The hunter who shot a hole through his boat and got instead of ducks a ducking deserves rank with the man who sawed the limb off between him-

Now that the football season is over the rest of the year in the universities can be devoted to various trifling pastimes-mathematics, science, languages, and the like.

A Missouri man has discovered a process whereby he can make cigars out of straw. If he tries to use it he ic likely to find himself buried under suits for infringement.

Apropos of Mr. Carnegie's praise of the blessings of poverty, it is to be ncted that the men who describe these in the most roseate terms are usually conspicuous for their success in dodging them.

the alarming reports of the danger that threatens from the cotton boll weevil originated in the minds of the cotton speculators. Shame be to him who weevil thinks!

Professional pugilists will be lenient in their criticism of Mr. Fitzsimmons work, bearing in mind that he is only forty years old. When he has grown to be 75 or 80 he will expect to be judged by severer standards.

The head of the Mosely educational commission hit out a happy thought when he said that here in America a fourth R had been added to the historic three R's, making them "readin', ritin', rithmetic and reason."

There is a new method of "shaving without a razor." You smear your face with a lathery mixture, and when you rub the lather off the beard comes with it. The skin may come off at the same time, but that is merely incidental. The main object is to get the beard off.

It is estimated that the cotton-rais ers of the South will receive \$200,000, 600 more for their cotton this year than they got for last year's crop. A lot of people who fooled with cotton in Wall street a little while ago probably think they know where the extra talk, play games and patronize the Saturday night and made his escape \$200,000,000 is coming from.

"You are the sweetest and best woman in the world," declares somebody in a New York Herald "personal" advertisement. Was there ever a women who ever heard that who wasn't ready to believe it?

That negro who has been sentenced years in the Texas peniten tiary will have to adopt a rigorous diet of breakfast foods if he expects to live to see the end of his sentence.

Bo's'n Deery, who swam in a raging winter sea to put a new towline on the Adder, has the cold-water courage which is rarer than valor in action.

The man who tried to shoot the secretary of the Bank of England is said to hold peculiar views on the distribuion of wealth. This is obvious.

Missouri Doing's

PASSING OF A FAMOUS OLD MISSOURI MINE

Business After Earning Millions.

Rich Hill, Mo.: With the end of this ears was the largest producer of the lack diamonds in the state, working Fishback." over 400 men at one time. The banier hoist was made about seven years ago, when 1367 tons of "mine run" coal came to the top, or seventy-four ears of 40,000-pound capacity. A conas been a veritable gold mine for its If it comes to a show of nava! cost the operators on an average of the bed. 21/2 cents to mine the coal and the When the late James H. Tureman lay men's wages amount to 15 cents on | moved from Williamsburg to Fulton cause it is good for rheumatism and the ton, making the total amount 771/2 in the early 70's, he hauled his house cents to ton, so the company has paid | hold goods in this wagon, together with be wage earners \$2,441,250. A con- his valuables, notes, bonds and money, ervative estimate on the contract sell- locked safely in the box. ire operation. Some of the most pro- merchant at Williamsburg. counced U. M. W. A. officials have worked in this shaft, and hardly a

RENEWS ITS INDEBTEDNESS

have worked in old No. 15.

Territory but what has miners who

Signing the Certificates.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The Missouri tate board of education met Saturday and signed and issued three renewal ertificates of indebtedness-one to the state school fund and the other wo to the seminary fund, each to run wenty years. The school fund cerlificate was for \$22,000, and was due July 1, 1903; the seminary certificates were for \$5,000, due November 1, 1903, and \$242,000, due July 2, 1903. Three Monroe Howard, negroes, were ar-\$5,000 and \$35,000 respectively, due January 22, 1904, January 30, 1904, and April 19, 1904. These six certificates aggregate a total of \$409,000. The school certificates are for the public schools, while the seminary certificates me for the state university at Columa'a, and the school of mines and metal-

ome due in 1904. Mysterious Shooting at Rich Hill.

Rich Hill, Mo.: A mysterious shootng occurred here on Park avenue, the main thoroughfare, last week, which about three months to serve, is either puzzling the officers or they are trying to hush the matter up. Lester Higgins, a young man 24 years old. who is employed at the Pacitic house it is thought he will live. Suspicion quarters, as to who the assallant may be is cast toward a young man whose family is highly respected here.

Believe Enemies Blew Up Plant. was made Sunday in the wreckage of the Independent Powder Co's plant been the largest and best barred Plynear this city, which was recently mouth Rock display ever shown in the blown up, killing two men and injuring | West. There were over 200 specimens several others, that leads the officers of of this variety on show. The next exthe company to believe the disaster hibit will be held in Mound City the was the work of enemies. Battery second week in December, next year. wires were found that had connected the plant with the woods a short distance away. The matter is to have thorough investigation.

Mule Forty-Five Years Old.

property of Dudley Leach, died Christ- mediately after the fracas Edwards mas Day after a hearty meal. She took to the woods, and officers have was 45 years old and had carried Mr. been unable to locate him. Brown was Leach across the plains and through recently married and was of a good the Civil War.

Youth Killed His Father.

Joplin, Mo .: In protecting his mother from an assault by his father. Bert K. Barron, 17 years old, shot and killed Mathies Barron at 4 o'clock Friday morning at their home on East Seventh street. Barron was a miner. his father by accident.

Christmas at the Capital.

Jefferson City, Mo.: On acount of Christmas, all State business in the dinner at the prison was \$800.

Gayoso Post Office Robbed.

Caruthersville, Mo.: The Gayoso Post Office, five miles north of here, shot and dangerously wounded T. J. was broken into and robbed of money Etzen and Mrs. Lizzie Reed at Ga and stamps amounting to \$1,000 last lena last week and then committed sulweek. Postmaster Harry Henderson | cide. Eitzen is proprietor of a baknotified the Inspector and sent for ery and Snyder and the woman were bloombounds.

Thomas D. Hellyer.

Fayette, Mo.: Thomas D. Hellyer, city collector of Favette and former American express agent here, dropped dead while in a store Saturday morning. Heart failure was the cause.

INTERESTING RELIC OF THE EARLY DAYS

No. 15 of the Rich Hill Going Out of Mexico Man Has Wagon Made in Virginia in 1831.

Mexico, Mo.: Henry D. Martin, livnonth and year the Rich Hill coal ing south of this city, in Jackson townempany will withdraw its holdings ship, Callaway County, has an intereston old No. 15 shaft, one mile south of | ing relic of the early days of Missouri own, and guit business. This shaft in a six-horse wagon, which has guite as been in constant operation for the a history. Plainly painted on the wagast fourteen years, and for many on are these words and gures: "Made in Madison, Virginia, in 18 in by John

Mr. Martin's grandfather, the late Joseph Everhart, used this wagon for used it for eight or ten years. Mr. Martin has also used the vehicle on his ervative miner claims that the shaft | farm for several years, but now has it stored away in a dry place, and is tak whers, who are composed of St, Louis I ing care of it as a relic of former days. pitalists and the Missouri Pacific The wagon has very large rear wheels officials. The mine has run on an and a blue bed, which is very much average of 300 days a year for fourteen | curved, almost in a crescent shape. The years and hoisted 750 tons average a bed is iron-bound and a heavily ironed Richmond walked from the Manhat- same level. day, or a total of 3,150,000 tons. It has box for carrying valuables is built in

Herbert Spencer was the "last of ing price places it at \$2 per ton, or a Joe Everhart hauled his crop of gross profit of \$6,300,000. Taking that | wheat from his farm at Williamsburg mount, leaves the company a net to New Florence in 1864 on this old profit of \$3,858,750 for their dividends. relic. and sold his wheat at \$2.50 in As can be seen from the state mine gold per bushel. He carried 100 bushinspectors' reports this shaft has been els at a load. Mr. Everhart also hauled very free from serious accidents, only | goods from St. Louis with this wagon seven men being killed during the en- in the early days for W. B. Kidwell, a

The wagon is still in good running condition and will carry about as big a

Friends Seek Commutation.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Efforts are be ng made to induce Gov. Dockery to commute the death penalty pronounced upon Mark Dunn, who is sentenced to be hanged at St. Joseph January 15. to life imprisonment. The supreme court overruled the motion for a rehearing in his case and fixed January 15 as the date of his execution. It has been the invariable custom in this state when a respite is sought to grant it, and this will be the first step that those who are working for a commuta- difficult to keep on, and an irreverent tion may have the better opportunity rabble of photographers raced about. to secure it. Dunn killed Alfred Fenton at Rushville in 1902

Charged With Precipitating Riot. Macon, Mo.: William Ellis, Abner Horn, Mug Woods, W. T. Johnson and the riot in the collier district Christmas eve, which resulted in the death of Cisara Berganoni and Gracoma Gratols and were not seeking trouble.

Grants Holiday Pardons.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Gov. Dockery urgy at Rolla, which is an adjunct last week granted two holiday pardons man. of the university. The board will meet to long-term convicts, as follows: Kirk next month to sign the renewal tover sowell, a negro, convicted September, Sowell, a negro, convicted September. tificates to be issued for those which 1191, in Jasper County; murder in the second degree; sentenced to the peni- Williamsburg Bridge a Noble Monutentiary for life. "Sis" Abernathy, convicted September, 1896, Scott County, murder in the second degree; sentenced for ten years. She had only

Will Remain In Kirksville.

Kirksville, Mo.: The American School of Osteopathy has decided to as a planist, was shot by some un- stay in Kirksville, notwithstanding the known person, so he says, who assailed offers of Des Moines. The management him while coming into the business has informed the Citizens' Committee lose to his clothing as to burn it, and be accepted if offered. The managefired. The bullet entered the center of | ment asks, however, that the citizens the stomach and came out on the left | erect a building and lease it to the side, making a very serious wound, but | school, which has outgrown its present

Oregon Poultry Show Closes, Oregon, Mo .: The annual exhibition by the Holt County Fancy-Poultry Association was closed here Saturday. Joplin, Mo.: A startling discovery Judge C. H. Rhoads of Topeka is authority for the statement that it has

Missourian Kills Another at Pineville. Joplin, Mo .: In a stabbing affray at Pineville Saturday night Charles Brown was killed by Burt Edwards, whose home is at Bethpage. The stab-Fayette, Mo.: "Old Bet," supposed bing occurred in a saloon where the to be the oldest mule in Missouri, the men engaged in a drunken brawl. Im-

Found Hanging in Box Car. St. Joseph, Mo .: The dead body of Philip F. Wentz, secretary of the Wenz Shoe Company, of this place, was found hanging by a wire from the roof of an empty box car in the Burlington 47 years old. He became quarrelsome yards Saturday. Wenz is supposed to have committed suicide, although his his revolver and kill the family. Young relatives think foul play possible, as Barron grappled with his father, who there were a number of burises upon in the struggle was shot and killed his body. He had been missing from placed in jail. He claims to have shot be told his wife he was going to his

Escapes in Sight of Penitentiary.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Clarence Dans offices here was suspended Friday. At | county, jumped through the car winthe Penitentiary the 2,300 convicts en- dow of a Missouri Pacific passenger joyed the freedom of the inclosure to train at the coal chutes in this city lunch and confectionery counters es- He was being brought to the penitentablished for the day by the more tiary by Sheriff Owens and two depuenterprising of the inmates. At 2 ties. The train was crowded, and as o'clock a feast of turkey and other it left the coal chutes, where it had good things was spread before the stopped for coal, the prisoner picked risoners The cost of the Christmas | the lock on his handcuffs and escaped through the car window,

> Jealousy Prompts Tragedy. Joplin, Mo.: Charles Snyder, a baker, employed by him. Jealousy is said to have prompted the tragedy.

First Cousins Are Married. Paducah, Ky.: Mr. Joe Brown and Miss Sarah Hartley, first cousins, of Troy, Mo., were married here Saturday by the Reverend T. J. Newell.

······ WORLD'S GREATEST SUSPENSION BRIDGE OPENED FOR TRAFFIC IN THE EASTERN METROPOLIS

million will cross the new. The river

he great Williamsburg bridge, opened for traffic in that city last week, James | Fifty millions more of passengers, the | who wore the gray are entitled to the

Creelman says: The greatest bridge in the world. the transit lines on the new bridge containing 40,000 tons of steel, cost- than on the old. Against the huning \$11,000,000, and connecting the dred million who annually cross the swarming tenement districts of Man- older bridge, one hundred and fifty hattan with Williamsburg and the cheap home lands of Long Island, was span of the new bridge is only five opened after Mayor Low and the prin- | feet longer than that of the old, the cinal officers of his administration had walked its entire length of 7,264 feet. A few speeches, bristling with statistics, a club reception, an hour of artilthe giant structure, and a really magnificent display of fireworks at night, with a parade of tugboats down the inauguration of a bridge with a capacity, when it is in full operation, of 28,000 passengers an hour.

There were bands of music, streams teries of cannon to both sides of the tan side. Borough President Swan-

ence in the length of the newer structure, those of the former measuring approach to the old bridge is only

Writing in the New York World of | duced to figures, its superiority be- | federate army and that he feels only comes even more strikingly manifest. those soldiers of the Confederate army engineers estimate, will be carried by badge of honor which this bronze

ARTICLES USED BY SENATORS.

figure for the former being 1,600, but the approaches make up the differlery firing, a march of societies across | 1,800 feet each, while the Manhattan | tic of a woman's boudoir than of sup-1.562 and the brooklyn only 971. The stationery room, where articles are put on sale at cost to senators, in East River, fitly celebrated the end of bridge, built of steel, rise 333 feet the year sold manicure sets, wrist to talk seven years of unbroken work and the above high water mark, 50 feet higher bags at prices up to \$30 and similar than the stone towers of the Brook- articles appreciated by women. Card lyn bridge, while this height will be cases, leather cases for railroad passes increased by 20 feet when the ornal and such articles found a large sale. mental caps are placed on the new The medicine chest in the office of of bayonets, pracing cavalry and bat- structure. The height of the new the sergeant at arms dispensed 30,000 bridge above the river in the exact grains of quinine pills, a dozen packcenter is 135 feet, the same height ages of court plaster, large quantities eep silence. Mayor Low and the offi- as the older bridge. The new bridges of pepsin and soda, mint tablets and cials of Manhattan, the Bronx and now in construction will keep the horehound drops to a total of twenty The great cables which hold the ed by the government to a large strom and the officials of Brooklyn steel framework measure 18 inches in amount in such lines as bay rum,

NEW WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE, CONNECTING MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN

All Sorts and Descriptions Were Dispensed Last Year.

Charles G. Bennett, secretary of the United States senate, has sent to that body his annual report detailing the expenditures of last year. In some cases the items are more characterisplies for staid and dignified senators. The stationery room, where articles pounds. Toilet articles were dispens-



dle of the bridge, raised their hats to one another and then trudged together to Williamsburg, where the speeches were uttered to a great multitude in the new plaza at the en-

trance to the bridge. It was a melancholy but suggestive experience, that walk across to Williamsburg. A raw wind whipped the vast reaches of painted steel beams, and reddened the noses of the mayor and the official multitude which shuffled along the roadway. Coat collars were turned up, shiny high hats were the weather.

more certificates, all to the seminary rested at Keota Friday night and lodg- How small it made a man feel to however, and the work was hurried Russians have no real staying powers. chetti, who is prominent as a composer. tread that complicated immensity of forward, although there were many newal certificates will be issued in ing charged them with precipitating steel, suspended from the two steel delays incident to the fire. towers by four cables, containing 17,coniffi, Italian miners. As far as can shivering, mirthless procession, with completed. Within a few days the be ascertained, the Italians has no pis- his white flag carried before him, he north roadway will be opened to pemay well have pendered the opening words of his speech:

bridge is ever the work of a single

A TRIUMPH OF ENGINEERING.

ment to American Skill. That the Brooklyn bridge, after nearly a generation of use, has endured as a highwater mark in the bridge line, at least in the greater and the daring of the engineers who stroyed. planned it. That the new bridge now surpasses in all important dimensions, and, foot by foot, cable for cable, outclasses the old signally, is perhaps the greatest single description that can be given of its magnitude as the greatest suspension bridge in the world surpassed in length of span only by the Firth bridge.

and Queens walked from the Wil- | diameter. The four cables contain , powders, cologne, dandruff cures, liamsburg side. They met in the mid- 41,588 wires, and the supporting smelling salts and complexion restorafor the older bridge while the figures | just ended. for the weight of the two structures between towers are 7,771 and 6,620 tons, respectively.

> The Williamsburg bridge was begun in October, 1896, the first work being done on the foundations of the New York towers. It was more than five years later, on April 9, 1901. when, amid the salutes of the craft

The cost of the new bridge will 432 miles of steel wire. And as the reach about \$11,000,000. At the presmayor walked on at the head of the ent time only the south roadway is destrians, and will serve for them until one of the footways is completed. "No such achievement as this No arrangement has yet been made for the letting of the car tracks on ends. Delancey street, at the Manhattan terminus, is to be widened, ment houses along the southerly side.

New Chief of Division.

George Winfield Scott, class of '96 of Stanford university, has been appointed chief of the newly created

strength of each of these cables is tives. It also appears that the senate 22,280 tons, as contrasted with 12,000 used four tons of hay in the fiscal year

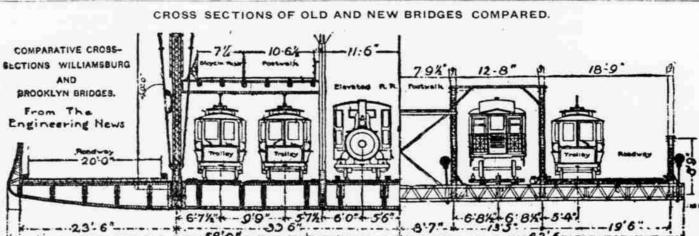
TOO STRENUOUS FOR RUSSIANS.

Senator Beveridge Wore Out Relays of Interpreters. When Senator Beveridge of Indiana was collecting material for his book, "The Russian Advance." he engaged an interpreter and started with Amerion the water front, the two cables can hustle. At the end of the first were hoisted from the river bed and day the Russian was limp, and at the the actual construction of the span close of the second day he was in a began. On Nov. 11, 1902, a fire de- state of collapse. When the third aiming their cameras, flapping their stroyed the wooden staging, breaking night came the Russian begged for a hands, shouting and jostling the half-out on team and all out on team and the rest of the stroyed the wooden staging, breaking night came the Russian begged for a hands, shouting and jostling the half-out on team and the rest of the frozen officials. There was a faint from the Ft river, burned along the nently, but sent back word that no one scent of whisky, too, fully justified by cables and hished one of the most could work for a man who did a year's spectacula Conflagrations in the his- work in one day. After that Mr. Bev-But the bridge itself—how mighty it | tory of the city. Little serious dam- | eridge resigned himself to a relay sys-

"Mel" Hanna's Winter Home.

"Mel" Hanna, brother of the Ohio senator, has a winter home near Thomasville, Ga. Mr. Hanna has an estate of 3.500 acres and it was there that President McKinley spent some of the pleasantest days of his life, for there is not a more ideally beautifully winter home in America, nor one better supplied with the things that go the new bridge and the elevated struc- to make existence a delight. .: owner is hospitable and loves to take his northern friends down south to e joy the sport of killing deer wild turand the work is to begin soon. This keys, quail and other game, which they street will be widened by razing tene- can do on his own broad acres. Many years of residence in the south has Already hundreds of buildings have not caused Mr. Hanna to change his been destroyed further east along the republican allegiance, but, he says, New York in 1796. It is said to be the course of the bridge and the old re- "upon local political questions he city, is no mean tribute to the skill gion of Poverty Hollow is entirely de- found it agreeable and expedient to States act with the dominant race.'

Senator Tillman's Counterfeit Bill. As the story is told in the South. Senator Benjamin Tillman of South Carolina received a counterfeit \$100 bill in part payment for his lecture on gress at Washington. The position is the race question which he delivered an administrative one and the salary in Savannah, Ga. He deposited it with has been fixed at \$3,000 a year. He | the financial clerk of the Senate in The Brooklyn bridge in length falls will go to Europe in the interest of Washington and soon after was in-



Half Section of the New Bridge.

1,200 feet longer, has a total extent of go to South America. While abroad been pronounced a counterfeit and two roadways, now shared by vehicles | the library of Congress. Mr. Scott is and surface cars alike. The new a New York man and has held schol- ator. bridge carries on its double decks two arships in Columbia, Cornell, Chicago roadsways, each twenty-five feet wide and the University of Pennsylvania. and each unobstructed by trolleys. Two double track trolley roadways. two promenades to the one of the old bridge, each ten and a half feet wide; two cycle paths, each seven feet wide, and a central space for a double track or elevated cars, give width in the older structure.

When the increased efficiency of the new bridge in carrying traffic is re- 'young at the time to serve in the Con-

ROSE FROM THE RANKS.

United States Army. Gen. Young began his military carer as a private in the Twelfth Pennsylvania infantry in 1861. When he etires he will be succeeded by another former private soldier-Gen. private in the Sixth cavalry in 1861. and will not retire until 1906. So the irst two chiefs of the general staff nen who have been generals in chief f the United States army have been on very slowly," Vest Pointers. Those six ranged from rant to Schofield. All six reached he command in consequence of the

The Greatest Missourians. een asked to give their orinion, and

the war and a second of the

ivil war.

thus far the votes have been unanimous for only two-Thomas Hart Ben-Former Privates Who Command the ton and Frank Preston Blair as men who have been of most service to the

Governor Refuses Honor.

The youthful Governor D. C. Hey-

dressed a meeting of ex-Confederate

Situation in South Africa. Gen. Ben J. Vilioen, the former Boer commander, denies the report Chaffee. Gen. Chaffee enlisted as a er. In regard to the present condi-

In Memory of Hawthorne. The plan to erect a monument to coming men. Hawthorne on the site of the cottage at Lenox, wherein he lived in 1850. has lately been revived. The cottage An effort is being made to select itself was burned over a dozen years the twelve greatest Missourians," ago, and of material relics of the tat sketches of their lives and their author's occupation there is left only ortraits may be published. Four his \$1 ogany desk, which is pre-

Pl us \$71,72

ast short of 6,000 feet, being 5,989, the government and will remain there | formed by letter that it had been sent feet long. The new bridge, more than about ten months, after which he will to the treasury department and had more than 7,200 feet. The old bridge, he will be chiefly busied with law punched full of holes. A Savannah built before the age of trolleys, has work and the gathering of books for bank, from which the bill had been drawn, made the loss good to the sen

"Sports" Fear Publicity.

At the opening of an athletic club the chief attractions were some prize at Bloomington. Ill., requesting that a ward of South Carolina recently ad- fights by pugilists of local and neighborhood fame. It has been learned veterans to such acceptance that one | that among the spectators were sevor them enthusiastically proposed that eral clergymen disguised as country the new structure a total width of the Confederate Cross of Honor be sports. Leading professional and busi-Young Barron was arrested and his home since Friday morning, and 118 feet, as contrasted with an 85-foot conferred upon him. The resolution ness men enjoyed the show, but now was passed, but the governor has re- there is consternation for fear the minded its mover that he was too preachers may attack the promoters

ADVISER TO KING EDWARD.

Why Lord Esher Has Lately Come Into Prominence. There is growing evidence in Eng-

and that King Edward depends a good deal on a few confidential advisers, perhaps more than upon the min istry itself. To this is due the prominence of Lord Esher in the public eye. Hitherto his lordship has been noted tions in the Transvaal Gen. Viljoen chiefly as an enthusiast in the volunsaid: "The situation in South Africa | teer movement, but since being a operations are practically at a stand-member of the commission on the will be soldiers who have risen from still, and the first two crops after the South African war he has come into he ranks. But six of the seventeen war were failures. The process of re- great prominence. He and two others patriation if I may so call it, has gone are now a committee to advise as to at Demainsville, Ill., Saturday, posed the creation of a board for the administrative business of the war office. His lordship is regarded as one of the

Chamberlain's Nephew Here. Arthur Chamberlain of Birmingham England, a nephew of Joseph Chamberlain, has been touring Canada, partly on business and partly on pleasure. He bears a strong resemblance undred citizens of the state have segeren the Berkshire Athenaeum at to Joseph, and looks and talks like a permit Japan to call for assistance sharp, shrewd man of business.

THE NEWS RESUME.

being a Condensed Story of the News of the Week.

An arbitration treaty between Italy and France is signed at Paris.

Thieves steal a collection of sermons from a preacher at Houston, Tex. Hiram W. Beckwith, law partner of Abraham Lincoln, died in Chicago. The new French battleship, Patrie,

The Argentine Republic has sold two men-of-war through a London agency, The Bondelzwarts tribes in German Southwest Africa have risen in revolt. A steel plant at Joliet was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at

Paris is little excited by the decision | her mother. in the Dreyfus case. Dreyfus refuses General MacArthur returns from his

rame near sinking when launched.

Carnegie has set aside \$4,000,000 for the benefit of workmen injured in the

tour of inspection of the Hawaiian

The Salvation Army at New York furnishes Christmas dinners to 30.000 poor persons Russia orders millions of pounds of

peef and other war supplies from Chicago packers. France will buy of Italy the old home of the Bourbons, the family of the late

King of Naples. Thirty-eight persons were killed and 124 injured in seventeen Pennsylvania collieries last year.

Charles Brown, a bridegroom of one day, is stabbed to death in a saloon fight at Pineville, Mo.

A sharp earthquake is felt at Los Angeles, Cal., where citizens at first think it is an explosion. Bert Barron, 17 years old, killed his

father while protecting his mother from assault at Joplin, Mo. The Acre treaty between Bolivia and Brazil is ratifled by the Bolivian Con-

gress by a vote of 41 to 11. More than \$134,000,000 will be distributed in dividends and interest in New York City in January.

grandfather at the christening. The cruiser Olympia has been ordered to Cartagena to convey United States Minister Beaupre to Colon A movement is on foot to beautify

London with boulevards similar to those which are the fame of Paris. The Mayor of Council Bluffs, Iowa, the party. is accused of protecting gamblers in his city, at a stated sum per month. The New York Department of Labor

reports an increase in membership and number of unions during last year. The leaning tower of Garisenda at was and how solid under the feet! age was done to the main structure, tem of interpreters, but he says the Bologna has been sold to Baron Fran-Foreign diplomats are making every

> effort to ascertain what course the United States will pursue in the event A duel was fought in Paris over the Dreyfus case. One man was wounded. and, contrary to all tradition, the oppo-

> nents are still unreconciled. The exports of the United States during the year just closing show substantial gains in all the great groups under which satistics are classified.

> Fire in the laboratory of the Geological Survey destroyed valuable maps and chemicals. The topographical maps of the World's Fair were saved. Mrs. Anna N. Spence of Alexander oldest book of its kind in the United

Sun. Ind. W. J. Bryan has bought the Bryan

homestead at Salem, Ill. The purchase is a sentimental one, Col. Bryan stating that he will continue to reside in The relatives of Joseph and Louis Choisser of Equality, Ill., desire an in-vestigation of the killing at Los An-We lift our weary heads and gaze. vestigation of the killing at Los An-

geles, in which both the Choissers Russia is to use sterner measures in Finland in order to overcome the obstructive tactics of certain officials and

school teachers to proposed govern-Attorney General Hamlin of Illinois rules that Coles County, on account of the tangled condition of its finances. shall issue no more jury warrants until next September.

for the purchase of the friars' lands in the Philippines have been approved. The price to be paid for the 391,000 acres is \$7,239,784. A blizzard swept over the Upper Mississippi Valley last week, bringing mis- fice. "Black coffee?" asked the adery to the homes of thousands of the poor. Traffic was sorely impeded in

Gov. Taft's tentative arrangements

localities, and miles of telegraph and drink a drop of coffee at this hour of telephone wires are down. Fire in the large department store of B. Lowenstein & Bro., at Memphis, Tenn., does damage estimated at from

\$100,000 to \$150,000. President Eylar of the Manhattan Coal Co. files a bill in the Circuit Court receiver be appointed. The head-on collision of two Pere

Marquette trains in Michigan proves

to be one of the most tragic and ap-

palling in history. The operator whose

station was passed when a stop should have been made says that the blizzard blew out the red signal light. An organization of manufacturers of natent medicines hopes to stop the cut-

ting in prices by druggists and department stores. Dowle declares the Messiah will return to the earth next century to reign 1,000 years, and that he (Dowie)) will

return with him.

William B. Smith, the New York baker who recently inherited part of the fortune of his sister, the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, was mysteriously missing from his New York home, but was located in Denver, after the police had been notified of his disappearance. George Baehlmann, who was killed

as a Deputy Game Warden and was endeavoring to arrest the hunter when the shooting took place. No clew has been found as to the man's identity.

by an unidentified hunter in a saloon

Russian officials show no uneasiness over the probability that China may align herself with Japan in the struggle which seems to be imminent. Should this prove true, Russia might call on her ally, France, which would from England.

IS A PRISON CHILD

PATHETIC HISTORY OF LITTLE ALMA GREASON.

Born in Jail at Reading, Pa., She Is the Pet of All Who Know Her-Her Mother and Reputed Father Under Sentence of Death.

Alma Greason of Reading, Pa., is a child with a strange history. She has never been outside of prison walls. She is two and a half years old, and her mother and her reputed father are in now the same jail under sentence of death.

Alma is dark skinned, bright and attractive and she speaks two languages -English to the prison visitors and the Pennsylvania German dialect to

Being a pet of the jail, the child is daintily dressed and has the run of the prison. She spends an hour downstairs with the warden's family and the next hour up on the second tier of cells with the death watch in charge of her convicted mother.

In all her jail liberty she is never permitted to see Samuel Greason, her reputed father, in another part of the iail. Greason is a negro. Alma's mother is white. The murder of which the two were convicted was that of the woman's husband. The story of this prison child's life

is unusual, even in criminal history. Her complexion at birth was to determine the life or death of her mother. John Edwards, the husband of the woman, was a white laborer in the quarries of Stouchburg. Being out of work and shiftless, he failed to support his wife, Kate, and their children. Greason, also a laborer, had money. When he saw Mrs. Edwards' children going barefoot in winter he provided money for their needs. In

kindly feelings toward him. Edwards' suspicions were finally aroused. He accused his wife of having been unfaithful and declared that if the child soon to be born was black he would murder her.

this way their mother came to have

Now Mrs. Edwards is a dark skinned woman. It was evident, therefore, that whether her husband's suspicions were well founded or not, the com-The infant son of C. Oliver Iselin replexion of the child might cost her ceives a gift of \$1,000,000 from his her life.

Some time before the child was

born, in July, 1901, there was a party at the Edwards home. Edwards drank great deal of beer. The next day his body was found in the cistern near the house. He had been struck on the head with some blunt instrument while sleeping on the porch after

Mrs. Edwards told a variety of tories about his death and finally she accused Greason of being concerned in it. Both were convicted of murder in the first degree.

The child was born in prison. As has been said, she has a dark skin, and they christened her Alma Greason. ier reputed father has never seen her. Thrice Greason has been reprieved. Churches. Sunday schools and cakewalks have raised money to pay his lawyers to save him from the gallows. He declares that he was not at the Edwards home on the night of Ed-

wards' murder. He says he does not know who killed him, but the theory of his friends is that the wife and her eldest daughter alone know the true story of the death of Edwards. It is generally believed that Edwards was murdered because it was feared that the child would be black and that he would

carry out his threat to kill his wife. And while Greason and Mrs. Edwards are growing fat in the shadow County, Ill., owns an atlas published in of the scaffold the little child is joyously prattling about the prison corridors by day and sleeping in the bosom of her mother by night in a James Gillespie is held without bail cell. Some say the child will grow on the charge of murdering his twin up in the jail and never leave it. If sister. The three other persons in the love that is shown for Alma convolved are released on bond at Rising | tinues developing, it will be very hard to part with the child in the years to come, when her parents have paid the

> Success is Like a Distant Hill. uccess is like a far-off hill, Serenely wreathed in mellow haze: t boons there, dim and distant, still When, after many trying days

penalty of their crime.

And like the far-off hill that through
The softening haze shows gentle slopes,
The clouds oft hide it from his view
That in the darkened valley gropes;
The road winds much in leading to The hill that looms before us, far Away across the misty space. Shows not a gap nor break to mar The even beauty of its face,

And cleft its rough steeps interlace Success is like the hill we see Far off, where mighty rivers spring. And few that reach it wait for free. Fair days the future is to bring;

A War Office Anecdote. This story is told to us as true. An admiralty clerk was giving luncheon to a brother official from the war ofmiralty clerk. "Good heavens, no!" cried the other. "Why, if I were to the day I shouldn't get a wink of

sleep all the weary afternoon."-Lon-

don Globe.

entertainments.

Teaches Journalism. Dr. A. Koch, the professor of journalism at the University of Heidelberg. not only lectures on his subjects, but

Municipal Tramway Profits. The London city council now makes £69,600 a year from tramways. Leeds corporation secures from a similar

makes his pupils write editorials, re-

ports, book reviews and criticisms of

source an income of £21,000. Not Exciting Enough.

William was the recipient at Christmas time of an attractive volume of Bible stories, illustrated in colors. He was much interested in the gift, and asked his grandmother to read to him from his new book. After listening intently to one story, which he evidently found did not correspond in interest with the book itself, he heaved a deep sigh, and, looking up into his grandmother's face, said: "Grandmother, this is too fine,

spoiled." Novel Engineering Idea. In constructing the tunnel under the Hudson, the Pennsylvania railroad will

book to read. We must put it away

have its track supported a part of the way on screw piles, connected by girders which are independent of the tunnel, thereby relieving the tunnel structure of the weight of trains passing over. This independent support of the track is without precedent in tunnel construction. The tunnels under the East river, New York, are almost entirely in rock.